Second Member of Council.—

Yes, but Government do not see any necessity for it at present.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Do not Government consider that the non-official representation on the committee is inadequate and if so, will they consider the question of increasing their representation?

Second Member of Council.—

We will consider it.

Mr. H. K. Madaiya.—

Are the Government aware that major communities include Lingayets and Vokkaligars and if so, will representatives from those communities also be appointed to the committee?

Dewan.—

We cannot possibly give representation to all communities on the committee.

MR. NILGIRI G. SANJIVIAH (Minorities).—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state:—.

(*a*) The names and number of toddy and arrack contractors in the State who have been guilty of adulteration during the last three years?

(*b*) The nature of departmental or other action taken in each case to punish the offenders for spoiling the health of the drinking public by such adulteration?

(*c*) The number of criminal cases launched against them for adulteration and the result in each case?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—2. (*a*) Two joint toddy contractors, Messrs. Bhashyakarlu Naidu and V. R. Chick Chennanjappa Setty, Toddy Licensees of Bowringpet Taluk including Kolar Gold Field Area, for 1932-33 to 1934-35.

(*b*) The license was cancelled under Rule 38 (2) of the General Conditions of Excise Licenses.

(*c*) No criminal prosecutions were launched.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

In addition to the cancellation of the license referred to in answer to (*b*), have the Government forfeited the deposits tendered by the respective parties ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

If the punishment is light, will it act deterrantly enough so far as the other contractors are concerned ? In order to keep them under a sort of moral fear, is it not advisable to give more severe punishment to the defaulting contractors ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The step taken was considered enough.

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Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

For spoiling the health of thousands of people, could they not have been criminally prosecuted also ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

They could have been. But, one of the punishments has been awarded.

Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

Will not the lightness of the punishment now given induce other contractors also to commit similar offences in future ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Cancellation of licenses is not a light punishment.

Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

Will the Government give the assurance that no higher punishment will be given to those committing similar offences in future ?

Second Member of Council—

Each case will have to be dealt with on its own merits.

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Mr. Nilgiri G. Sanjiviah.—

Is it not on account of such light punishment that excise contractors continue to commit these offences ?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that one of the contractors referred to was maintaining a big and costly establishment and if so, has not the cancellation of his license resulted in serious loss to him ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

When he has committed an offence, he must be prepared for the consequences thereof.

MESSRS. P. SUBBARAMA CHETTY (Special Interests), V. VENKATAPPA (Chennapatna Taluk), W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Bangalore City Municipality) and BELUR SRINIVASA IYENGAR (Bangalore Taluk).—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the action that the Government have taken on the resolution of the Legislative Council, regarding the opening of muzrai temples to Harijans (Adikarnatakas) and on the resolution of the Representative Assembly requesting the Government to introduce legislation for abolition of untouchability in the State ?

(*b*) If no action has so far been taken, what action do the Government propose taking in the near future ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—5. (*a*) and (*b*) When these subjects were discussed in the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly, Government set forth the practical difficulties involved in carrying out the resolutions in the form in which they were framed. In view of such difficulties, Government are unable to take any action on the lines indicated in the resolutions.